

block air flow between such surfaces, said applying of said glue being carried out after said frame, including trusses, floors, and exterior wall panels of the building are secured in place, and said glue having elastomeric properties allowing it to expand and contract as wooden surfaces to which it is applied expand and contract.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [the glue after application is capable of expanding and contracting with changes in temperature] said wooden frame components comprise plates, double plates, double studs, studs, headers, wall frames, subfloors, exterior wall plates, bandboards, subfloors, and two-by-fours.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 2 including applying glue to create a seal between abutting surfaces at [subfloors and where subfloors meet exterior wall plates] the following abutting surfaces: double plates, double studs, studs and headers, corner surfaces of wall frames, subfloors and exterior wall plates, bandboard surfaces and subfloors, bandboards and plates, and two-by-fours.

REMARKS

Objection to the Abstract

The term "comprising" in the Abstract has been replaced with "constructed with" to address the objection thereto.

Claim Rejection under Section 102

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-9 as unpatentable over Joiner.